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JUNE 2017 CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Blue Line Extension (BLE) landscapers have been hard at work all planting season. The BLE project includes planting 1,320 trees, 35,700 shrubs, 34,000 grasses, 96,670 perennials/groundcover, 36,000 bulbs, and 1,160 tree seedlings. In total, there are 150 varieties of plants!

Trees along the BLE not only provide shade, but are also part of Charlotte's commitment to a maintaining a dense tree canopy throughout the city. North Tryon Street has been lined with Leonard Messel Magnolia, Aeryn Trident Maple, Muskogee Crape Myrtle, among many other varieties of trees. The garden area in front of Parkwood Station includes Prairie Dropseed, Karl Foerster Feather Reed Grass, Weeping Love Grass, Blonde Ambition Mosquito Grass, Butterfly Weed, Black Eyed Susan, May Night Meadow Sage, Eastern Purple Coneflower, and Adam's Needle. All the BLE stations have two to four trees planted on the platforms.

The landscaping work is not finished yet. This coming fall and winter, landscaping contractors will return to plant in the North Tryon Street median and in a few smaller areas along the alignment.



Shoveling soil around the root ball.



Rosemary in planters along the JW Clay parking deck.



Green Gable Black Gum trees planted along North Tryon Street.

BLE landscaping has been designed by a City of Charlotte landscape architect who has deliberately chosen each type of plant for its size, resilience, and aesthetics. The landscaping contractors have followed the plans closely and planted with precision. Contractors measure the offset from the curb and distance between plants before setting them in the soil. Many of the trees planted are relatively mature – and heavy! When planted, the trees are between four and eight years old and weigh approximately 650 to 1,200 pounds. The BLE is grateful for the hard work of the landscaping team to make this project truly beautiful!

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